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FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD):

LETTER TO AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY

REF: (A) STATE 203080 (B) STATE 207112

1. ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN'S LETTER, REF A, WAS DELIVERED TO
AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY AT NOON, AUGUST 31, BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO
FAO. AL-SUDEARY WELCOMED LETTER AS GIVING HIM CHANCE TO GIVE HIS
VIEWS ON VICE-PRESIDENCY QUESTION TO HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS. HE PLANS
TO REPLY FORMALLY IN WRITING WITHIN A FEW DAYS, BUT ASKED U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT KEY POINT THAT HE CONTINUES PERSONALLY
TO FAVOR STRONGLY A SINGLE VICE PRESIDENT FROM THE UNITED STATES.
HE IS AWARE RUMORS WERE FLOATED AT THE END OF LATEST PREPARATORY
COMMISSION MEETING THAT CAMARA OF GUINEA OR SOME OTHER REPRE-
SENTATIVE FROM THE CATEGORY III COUNTRIES
MIGHT BE APPOINTED AS A VICE PRESIDENT, BUT THIS WOULD BECOME
A REAL QUESTION, IN AL-SUDEARY'S OPINION, ONLY IF IT SHOULD

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BECOME NECESSARY TO APPOINT A VICE PRESIDENT FROM THE CATEGORY
COUNTRIES.

2. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION, AL-SUDEARY DID NOT ALTOGETHER
FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ISSUE OF MORE THAN ONE VICE PRESIDENT
MIGHT ARISE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUESTION OF THE PERMANENT
SEAT OF IFAD, BUT SINCE IRAN IS NOT PRESSING AND HAS AGREED

NOT TO RAISE THE SEAT QUESTION DURING THE FIRST YEAR, HE BELIEVES
NO PROBLEM IS LIKELY TO ARISE ABOUT A SINGLE VICE PRESIDENCY.
(COMMENT: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INFERRED CLEARLY FROM AL-SUDEARY'S
EXTENDED REMARKS THAT AL-SUDEARY PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
SEAT ISSUE DISPOSED OF EARY, BUT AL-SUDEARY SAID EXPLICITLY
SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE APPRECIATES THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT
REOPENING THE ISSUE, IF POSSIBLE, AND BELIEVS IT WILL NOT BE
REOPENED DURING THE FIRST YEAR.)

3. NO GOOD OPPORTUNITY AROSE TOMAKE POINT IN LAST SENTENCE
PARA 4 REF A AND REF B. AL-SUDEARY DID NOT ASK EXPLICITLY
ABOUT U.S. RATIFICATION PLANS, ALTHOUGH HE DID SAY HE HOPED FOR
EARLY RATIFICATION BY ALL. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTED AT THAT
POINT THAT RESOLUTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENCY ISSUE MIGHT ENCOURAGE
COUNTRIES TO SPEED UP RATIFICATION (NOT APPLYING THIS SPECIFICALLY
TO THE UNITED STATES). AL-SUDEARY IMMEDIATELY REPLIED THAT
THE ONE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OTHER. IN THIS CONTEXT,
AND BECAUSE OF AL-SUDEARY'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE ON A SINGLE U.S.
VICE PRESIDENT, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT TRY TO DEVELOP AN
OPPORTUNITY TO INJECT FURTHER COMMENT ON U.S. RATIFICATION
IN THAT CONVERSATION.HOLMES

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